

Things just don't happen

This past weekend there were two big sports events at North Penn High School, one showcasing youth and the other honoring those that laid the foundation to make North Penn High School the best high school in athletics in Pennsylvania.

First the youngsters; North Penn hosted their annual Water Polo Novice Tournament Friday and Saturday. There were girls and boys teams from Souderton, Governor Mifflin, Pennridge, Wilson, Wissahickon and North Penn. The new pool is a beautiful setting for events like this. I'm sure the visiting teams left with a very positive image of North Penn.

The North Penn girls finished fourth, but played much better than the record would indicate; one of their losses was a heartbreaking overtime loss to Governor Mifflin. The North Penn boys decisively beat Wilson in the championship game to win it all.

You go to these kinds of events and you see a snack bar and people taking tickets and selling programs and shirts and other stuff, and you don't think anything of it. But these things just don't happen. It may take

a village to raise a child but it takes an army of hard working volunteers to run a snack bar as good as the ones we have at North Penn.

The second event was the North Penn Alumni Athletic Association Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. I mentioned this already but it bears repeating: according to Sports Illustrated, North Penn has the best athletic program in Pennsylvania. These things just don't happen. We send our kids to this school and we know North Penn has great athletic programs, but we take them for granted because we don't know the history of how these programs came about. The Induction Ceremony Saturday night gave us some answers.

In his remarks, Tom Strickland, NPAAA President, described what we were honoring; "This history, which provides not only a source of pride but also a standard to emulate, dates back to 1887 with our

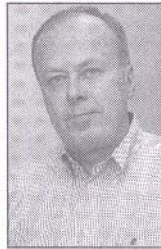
'Legacy Schools:' Hatfield High School, Lansdale High School, and North Wales High School. Tonight, on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of North Penn High School, we are honoring individual athletes, coaches and a team that represent all of these schools spanning eight decades."

At the induction ceremony the speaker, Joe Heyer, read a profile of each of the inductees. This is a truly amazing group of people, I could not begin to do them justice in the space that I have.

They distributed a program for this event, 44 pages that described the history of the school as well as pictures and a profile of each of the inductees. Maybe organizations such as the Booster Club, Twelfth Knight, North Penn Swim Parents etc. could pool some money to have more of these programs printed (North Montco Technical Career Center did the printing).

Every household that has a past, present or future North Penn athlete should have a copy of this program.

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